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1. The construction of the new Prague-Brno strategic railroad will be completed on 7 November 1953. It will shorten communication with Vienna by 56 km, and will greatly facilitate communication between Prague and Bratislava, which up to the present has been dependent upon the overworked line Prague-Česká Třebová-Bratislava.
2. The new line is based on the important junction of Českomoravská Vysokina, with the station of Havlíčkuv Brod, and from that point follows the line Přibyslav-Veselí-Křižanov-Osova Bitýška-Velká Bíteš-Ostrováčice-Brno.
3. The construction has taken four years. There are 13 tunnels and 27 bridges, the most important of which is the Bridge of the Peace, of reinforced concrete and 112m long. There are numerous overpasses.
4. An important station with a freight platform has been built at Křižanov and another at Velké Meziříčí, which will be connected from the main line with a new branch line to Třebíč.

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